those products containing artificial sweeteners. Following additional labelling requirements for these products are under process:-

(i) A declaration "Contains caffeine."

(ii) A declaration "quantity of sugar added."

(iii) A declaration "no sugar added" in the product.

(iv) Product containing artificial sweeteners shall be packed and sold with all the prescribed declarations on the body of the containers. These products shall not be packed and sold in returnable glass containers where prescribed label declarations cannot be incorporated on the body of the containers.

Cheaper Hepatitis-B vaccine

*408. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hepatitis-B spreads very easily and one in every twenty Indians is already infected with this killer disease;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take for protection against this disease;

(c) whether cheap vaccines are available in the country for the poor; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to procure Hepatitis-B vaccines at cheaper rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Hepatitis-B spreads through unsafe sex, unsafe blood transfusion, unsafe injections etc. and also from mother to child. Hepatitis-B is preventable by ensuring precautionary measures. Studies undertaken so far, indicate that about 3% to 5% of the population in the country is suffering from Hepatitis-B infection. The following

measures have been taken to prevent infection of Hepatitis-B:-

- Central Government hospitals personnel at high risk are being immunized against Hepatitis-B. State Governments have also been advised to take similar steps.
- Guidelines have been issued for mandatory testing of blood in all blood banks.
- Promotion of safe sex under National AIDS Control Programme is advocated.
- Health awareness campaigns regarding the danger of using unsterile syringes and needles under National AIDS Control Programme are held.
- Guidlines have been issued to State Health Authorities for use of separate sterile syringes and needles for each injection.
- A pilot project to introduce Hepatitis-B Vaccine in 15 selected cities and 32 districts in 17 States of the country, which are high risk areas, in order to study the impact of administration has been launched. The pilot project is estimated to cost Rs. 27.19 crores out of which vaccines and AD syringes cost Rs. 23.89 crores, which will be funded by the Global Alliance on Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI).

Vaccines for Hepatitis-B is available in the country at affordable prices.

Use of the title 'Doctor'

*409. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to L.M. Harison's Medical Dictionary, the qualified professors, dentists and pharmacists in USA may use the title 'Doctor';

(b) whether the above professors, dentists, pharmacists may use the title 'Doctor' in their names in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and